

BEFORE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION



Designating November 2021 as

California Sikh Awareness & Appreciation Month

WHEREAS, Sikhs have been living in the United States for more than 100 years, and during the early 20th century, thousands of Sikh Americans worked on farms, in lumber mills and mines, and on the Oregon, Pacific & Eastern Railroad; and

WHEREAS, Sikhism is the fifth largest religion in the world and today, there are more than 30 million Sikhs worldwide and an estimated 500,000 Sikh Americans; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans pursue diverse professions, and make rich contributions to the social, cultural, and economic vibrancy of the United States, including service as members of the United States Armed Forces and significant contributions to our great nation in many industries; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans distinguished themselves by fostering respect among all people through faith and service; and

WHEREAS, The Sikh American communities of California continue to make important contributions to the state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Lodi Unified School District is committed to educating citizens about the world's religions, the value of religious diversity, a culture of mutual understanding, and;

WHEREAS, Today, the Lodi Unified School District seeks to acknowledge the diversity of its community and afford all residents the opportunity to better understand, recognize, and appreciate the rich history and shared experiences of Sikh Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Lodi Unified School District hereby designates November 2021 as California Sikh Awareness & Appreciation Month.

Signed this 16th day of November 2021.

Educating Students for Success



Ron Freitas, President

Board of Education, Lodi Unified School District